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## KC MAN CHARGED AS BEING FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM FOLLOWING PURSUIT

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was charged today in federal court with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**DeAndre L. Price**, 19, was charged in a criminal complaint filed this afternoon in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the complaint, **Price** allegedly was found shortly after 12:15 a.m. in possession of a Colt .38 caliber revolver.

**Price** was arrested following a foot pursuit at 39<sup>th</sup> and Agnes streets in Jackson County after Kansas City, Mo., Police Department officers allegedly observed him committing a pedestrian traffic violation. As the officers approached **Price** to investigate his activity, they asked him to stop and remove his hand from his pocket. According to the affidavit, he then began to run eastbound between houses in a residential area. Upon apprehending **Price**, officers allegedly discovered the revolver, loaded with three live rounds of ammunition and three spent casings, according to the affidavit.

Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a convicted felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Price** has three prior 2001 criminal felony convictions for first degree tampering, sale of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was

investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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